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To: County of San Luis Obispo
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The Ferguson Group (TFG) continues to assist San Luis Obispo County in matters pertaining to the federal government, including federal funding as well as legislative and regulatory matters not directly related to funding. The following outlines focus areas this spring and early summer.

Drought. TFG focused on drought related legislation and worked to identify funding opportunities for drought relief and long term water supply stability.

- Senator Feinstein's drought relief bill passed the Senate in May but the bill has not moved since. House of Representatives legislation is similarly stalled. Senator Boxer is likely to soon introduce legislation aimed mainly at longer term water supply sustainability. We have met with key staff members on both bills and provided input regarding the County's priorities.
- TFG drafted and delivered to the County an outline of all relevant federal and state domestic well assistance programs and grants.
- TFG is assisting County staff with communications with the Corps of Engineers on drought relief related project issues, including the intertie project.

Los Osos. The Water Reform and Resources Development Act (WRRDA) was enacted in June. TFG provided information on the impacts of legislation and worked to ensure the Los Osos authorization was not compromised by the bill.

Transportation. TFG briefed congressional staff on likely impacts of delays in highway construction funding due to possible HTF insolvency in August 2014.

Salinas Dam. TFG is working with the congressional delegation and the Corps of Engineers to achieve timely regulatory review and approval of projects, including securing operating agreement renewal for Salinas Dam.

Rail Safety. TFG kept the County informed regarding congressional hearings and regulatory action related to rail movement of hazardous cargo, including petroleum products.

Agenda Fields & Priorities. The agenda below is based upon meetings with County staff and direction from the Board in February 2014 and is similar to the agenda provided in March 2014.

Field	Projects/Issues	Grants – NOFAs
Water Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drought & Water Reliability • Los Osos • Clean water • Salinas Dam • HCPs • South County Sanitation District – Water Recycling • Flood Control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coastal Protection (FWS) • Rural Community Development (USDA) • Domestic well assistance.
Transportation & Public Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reauthorization Bill • Highway Trust Fund insolvency • Cayucos Pier 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reauthorization bill action pending • Highway Trust Fund action imminent
Public Safety, Social Services & County Revenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yucca Mountain & Nuclear Waste Policy • PILT Protection • Homelessness • Veterans Assistance • Fire Hydrant Bill (CWA) • Hazardous Materials and Rail Transportation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance to Firefighters (FEMA) • Museum (IMLS) • Job Training (EDA) • Arrest Policy & Protection Order Enforcement (DOJ) • 2nd Chance Reentry (DOJ) • Probation & Parole (DOJ) • Environmental Workforce (EPA) • Rural veterans transportation • Housing Preservation Grants

Additional Projects & Issues Watch List. The table below outlines additional projects and issues TFG continues to track for the County.

Field	Project/Issue
Water & Natural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lopez Lake HCP• NPDES – MSR4s Phase II• Stormwater conveyance & liability• Invasive species (aquatic)• Arroyo Grande Creek – levees and HCP• Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE)• Climate Change• Water recycling• Fracking• Waters of the US rulemaking
Transportation & Public Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Energy efficiency for public facilities
Public Safety, Social Services & County Revenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anti-Gang Funding• DNA Cold Hit funding• Cambria Library Expansion• Homeless services and facilities funding• Medicare reimbursement• Disaster preparedness & insurance